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As I watch from week to week the growth of Volume 10 of THE CLASSICAL WEEKLY, I have often asked myself, How much demand would there be for a General Index to Volumes 1-10 of THE CLASSICAL WEEKLY, printed and sold separately, in booklet form, at say 75 cents to a dollar. Even if made no more elaborate than the Index to the separate volumes has been, such a General Index would take up 40 pages of THE CLASSICAL WEEKLY, i. e. would fill five full issues, and would therefore be a rather expensive undertaking. It would be necessary to sell some 350 copies, at 75 cents per copy, to escape financial loss. The preparation of the General Index would, of course, be a heavy task, but no doubt it would be possible to find persons altruistic enough to endure the labor, if the plan of publishing such a General Index should seem likely to secure adequate financial support. I should be glad to hear from readers of THE CLASSICAL WEEKLY with respect to the suggestion just thrown out.

Last year the University of Chicago Press published a General Index to Classical Philology, Volumes 1-10 (75 cents). The Index, compiled by Professor Frank Eggleston Robbins, of the University of Michigan, covers 40 pages, two columns to the page. On pages 7-17 there is a List of Contributors. Then comes, on pages 18-20, an Index of Words, Greek, Latin, English, Gothic, Icelandic, Lithuanian, Old English, Old High German, Oscan, Sanskrit, Umbrian. There are few entries under any caption here other than Greek and Latin (the highest number is 5, under Sanskrit). It appears, however, from the Preface that the compiler's purpose was to include only some of the more important words the etymology of which had been discussed in Classical Philology. The remaining pages (21-46) provide an Index of Subjects.

Experience in the making of Indexes and in the writing of lexicographical articles has filled me with charity for any one who essays such a task as Professor Robbins attempted in this General Index to Classical Philology, and has imbued me with gratitude, deep and unfailing, for whatever is offered in such an Index. I remember a saying of a former instructor of mine to the effect that his professors in Germany used to declare that they absolved themselves from reading a book which had no Index, and that they did not feel in the slightest degree disturbed if they found that they had published as their own discoveries things which had appeared in print—in works unprovided with an Index. So I welcome

Professor Robbins's work and thank him for it. At the same time I cannot help regretting that, having done the labor of going through the volumes, he has not printed more of the material he collected, or rather printed that material more in detail, so that the Index would be more fully serviceable to busy scholars.

I have in mind such a matter as the following. On the very first page, under List of Contributors, I note, under a certain name, this entry:

Reviews: I, 312; II, 361, 492; V, 528, 530

At once one asks, Reviews of what? Suppose one knew that the scholar in question had reviewed, somewhere in the first ten volumes of Classical Philology, an edition of St. Augustine's *De Civitate Dei*, but could not recall in which volume the review had appeared. He would get no aid toward quick finding of the coveted review from such an entry as the one quoted above. Under the name of Shorey, Paul, on page 16, after the caption *Reviews*, references are given for over 60 reviews!

The List of Contributors is profoundly interesting. By examining this, and the Indexes to the volumes of The American Journal of Philology, one will get much light on the history of classical studies in this country. Mention of such history makes one regret that Professor Capps has never been willing to print the interesting and stimulating paper which, as President of The American Philological Association, he delivered at the Haverford meeting, in the Christmas holidays of 1914, entitled *Reflections on Classical Scholarship in America*. To every American who wants to think well of American classical scholarship this paper, and Professor Shorey's modification of his Presidential address to The American Philological Association, entitled *American Scholarship* (see THE CLASSICAL WEEKLY 4, 226-230), afford comfort and inspiration. I wish I knew of some way of bringing pressure enough, at last, on Professor Capps to secure his paper for THE CLASSICAL WEEKLY.

Every little while some one writes asking for a discussion in THE CLASSICAL WEEKLY of the value of Latin and Greek. Frequently such a person is a new subscriber or a new member of the Association. But often enough the cry for such material comes from one who has long been a reader, presumably, of the paper, but, for some reason, has overlooked the fact that there is an Index to each volume. No small part of the Managing Editor's time is taken up, every year, in answering earnest appeals for material which the

writer wants to use in the preparation of some paper for a gathering of teachers, the meeting of an institute, or what not.

I am sure, therefore, that the following partial list of articles which have appeared in THE CLASSICAL WEEKLY on the value of Latin and Greek will be of service to many. I will try to complete the list in some moment of comparative leisure.

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ROMAN LITERARY CHARACTERIZATION

Analysis is the most prominent feature in linguistic study. Questions of form and of grammatical relation are studied, with great care, and dependence and independence are looked at from every standpoint. In addition to these features, the flowers of speech may be sought with equal diligence in the study of poetry. More than two score kinds of Vergil's tropes and figures are mentioned in the Commentary of Servius; see J. L. Moore, American Journal of Philology, 12, 157-192, 267-292. The results of analysis are given by description. In contrast with this is characterization, which is synthetic, and is worthy of close study.

In analyzing and describing we look at the individuals; in characterization we look at the mass. If we consider the latter in terms of things that can be seen, it is the expression of a unified impression, a visual *e pluribus unum*. To get this we must withdraw ourselves until the many is lost in the one. Then on the landscape the rivers appear only as threads of silver. The splendor of the grass, the glory of the flower, the tint of leaves are no longer seen, and the trees themselves disappear in the forest. Or, if the appeal is through some sense other than that of sight, the unification of impressions is the result desired, and it finds expression in such terms as *suaviloquentiam*, *sonum Trachali*, *acerbitas*, and *iucunditas*, each expressing the sum-total of the sense-perceptions.

Characterization gives the face, description the features. Some illustrations of the latter will be given. The Brutus of Cicero gives us here and there many-sided views of men, and from their persons we must judge their oratory. Adjectives are chiefly used. In 28 it is said of the writers of the age of Thucydides that *grandes erant verbi*, *crebri sententiis*, *compressione rerum breves et ob eam ipsam causam interdum subobscuri*; in 63 Cato is like some of the Greeks, who are *acuti*, *elegantes*, *faceti*, *breves*; according to 129 Fimbria *habitus est sane, ut ita dicam, truculentus*, *asper*, *maledicu*s, *genere toto paulo fervidior atque commotior*. By the side of these we may place the ununified description of Crassus as given in 143 erat *summa gravitas*, *erat cum gravitate iunctus facetiarum et urbanitatis oratorius*, *non scurilis lepos*, *Latine loquendi accurata et sine molestia diligens elegantia*, in

dissenserendo mira explicatio . . . ; argumentorum et similitudinum copia. Nouns chiefly are used also in Pliny, Epp. 6.21.5 non illi vis, non granditas, non ubilitas, non amaritudo, non dulcedo, non lepos defuit; *ornavit virtutes, insectatus vicia, fictis nominibus decenter, versus usus et apte*. Description giving forms of activity and the manner are illustrated by Pliny, Epp. 2.3.3 Isaeus . . . *prooemiat apte, narrat aperte, pugnat acriter, colligit fortiter, ornata excelse, pos. rem docet, delectat, adjicit, quid maxime, dubites, crebra ἀνθυμήσαται*, *crebr. syllogismus, circumscripsi et effecti*. . . . Compare with thi. Cicero Brutus 164 multa in ea oratione graviter, multa leniter, multa aspera, multa facete, dicta sunt (the nouns *gravitas*, *lenitas*, *asperitas*, *facetiae* might have been used).

When one attempts to characterize the composite picture by a summative term, use must be made of adjectives or nouns, a few verbs or nouns, as in description. In the use of such terms writers differ. Cicero is inclined to use adjectives, such as *acer* and *vehemens*, *non infans* and *disertus*, so that he does not show every orator distinct from the rest. Still he has some good illustrations of the use of nouns, as in Brutus 89 *elegantiam in Laelio, vim in Galba*. . . . Still better is De Oratore 3.28 *Suavitatem Isocrates, subtilitatem Lysias, acumen Hyperides, sonitum Aeschines, vim Demosthenes habuit*. . . . *Gravitatem Africanus, lenitatem Laelius, asperitatem Galba, profluens quidam habuit Carbo et canonum*. Rarely is literary movement indicated by a verb, as in Brutus 58 *latrant enim iam quidam oratores, non locuntur*. Compare Quintilian 2.9.12 *a viro bono in rabulam latrato remque convertitur*; 10.1.52 *raro assurgit Hesiodus*; 10.1.96 Horatius . . . *insurgit aliquando*. The best example of this, however, is in Fronto (page 114, in Naber's edition), which will be quoted later.

The source from which the characterizing material is taken is one of the most interesting features of the study. The Younger Pliny, Epp. 3.5.6, has in regard to the Historia Naturalis of his uncle the following: *nec minus varium quam ipsa natura*. This we can put into one word, *varietas*, well characterizing his assembled host of different facts. Looking elsewhere at the terms which have been used, we find that objects in nature, and man, either in his physical or in his psychical nature, are taken to shadow forth literary qualities.

The portrayal of Pindar as a downrushing mountain torrent in Horace, Odes 4.2.5-8, is well known:

Monte decurrens velut amnis, imbris
quem super notas aluere ripas,
fervet immensusque ruit profundo
Pindarus ore.

Compare with this the statement in Quintilian 10.1.61 *velut quodam eloquentiae flumine*. Far different is the view of Lucilius given by Horace, in Sermones 1.4.11 *cum fueret lutulentus—a veritable Cumberland at high water mark*. Quintilian (10.1.78) says of Lysias, *puro tamen fonti quam magno flumini propior*; in

10.1.62 he says of Stesichorus, *redundat et effunditur*. Compare with these the longer statement in **12.10.19** *neque fontibus puris neque torrentibus turbidis sed lenibus stagnis similes habentur.*

Taking the river as the central place, let us group around it the things that are seen representing the literary work of men.

The mighty trees that fringe the river's bank show us the meaning of the characterization of Ennius in **10.1.88¹**: *Ennium sicut sacros vetustate lucos adoremus, in quibus grandia et antiqua robora iam non tantam habent speciem quantam religionem.* But there are also younger trees, which have quidam *uber iucundus sucus*, of which Cicero speaks, Brutus 36, *sucus ille et sanguis incorruptus usque ad hanc aetatem oratorum fuit, in qua naturalis inesset, non fucatus nitor.* Here we find a *floridum* (**12.10.58**) and a *floridius genus* (**2.5.18**), and here also *efflorescat non multum inter se distantium tempore oratorum ingens proventus* (**12.10.11**). In the overblooming class some put Cicero himself, for in their judgment he was *nimiis floribus*. But, in addition to the flowers, there are also the light and the shade, and we find it said in **9.1.25** that Cicero quidem omnia orationis lumina in hunc locum congerit; and, in **10.5.16**, that intulisse eloquentiae lumen. Above the river is the gleaming sky. So a divine glimmer was seen in Theophrastus (**10.1.83**), but was lacking in Pacuvius. Menander, dark with excessive light, fulgore quodam suae claritatis tenebras obduxit (**10.1.72**); and above all is Pericles, a veritable Jove, quem fulminibus et caelesti fragori comparant comici (**12.10.24**), and further, in **12.10.65** *hanc vim et celeritatem in Pericle miratur Eupolis, hanc fulminibus Aristophanes comparat, haec est vera dicendi facultas.*

A few other terms from other external sources will be given. We find in Cicero Brutus 262 *qui volent illa calamistris inurere.* Similar is Orator 78: *tum removebitur omnis insignis ornatus quasi margaritarum; ne calamistri quidem adhibebuntur.* For the *calamistri*, 'curling irons', compare Arnobius 2.41: *idecirco animas dedit . . . nec in formis erubescerent masculorum calamistris vibrare caesariem.* In Tacitus, Dialogus 26.2, they are used to indicate the effeminacy of the style of Maecenas: *malim hercule C. Gracchi impetum aut L. Crassi maturitatem quam calamistros Maecenatis aut tinnitus Gallionis.* Compare Suetonius Augustus 86 *exagitabat . . . in primis Maecenatem suum, cuius myrobrechis, ut ait, concinno usque quoaque persequitur et imitando per iocum irridet.* Equally noticeable is the characterization in Cicero, Brutus 64 *genere toto strigosior.* The same adjective is used by Livy in 27.47.1 to describe the Roman horses as they appeared to the eyes of Hasdrubal just before the battle of the Metaurus.

Taking as our guide the proposition *qualis homo ipse est, talis eius est oratio* (Cicero, Tusc. Disp. 5.47), we

may expect to find man's mental work set forth in terms derived from his physical as well as his mental and moral traits. Cicero himself gives an indication of this (*ibidem*, § 46): *Anticlea laudat Ulix pedes abluens, Lenitudo orationis, mollitudo corporis.* Negative terms are not commonly used, for there is need of positive qualities to justify enrollment among the elect of literature. Still there are a few, as in **12.10.14** *unde nunc quoque aridi et exsucci et exsangues.* *Hi sunt enim, qui suae imbecillitati sanitatis appellationem . . . obtendunt.* Only a few positive terms need be given as examples: *plurimum sanguinis atque nervorum* (**10.1.60**); *carnis tamen plus habet, minus lacerorum* (**10.1.77**); *non athletarum toros sed militum lacertos* (**10.1.33**). The training places are also contrasted in **10.1.79** *palaestrae quam pugnae magis accommodatus, just as declamations and orations are in **10.2.12** minus sanguinis ac virium declamationes habeant quam orationes.* Notice in **10.1.2** *solida atque robusta oratio.* The transfer to the activities of man is easy, and the characterization in **10.1.102**, *immortalem illam Sallusti velocitatem, can be characterized by its own adjective.*

Words expressing personal and mental traits are freely used; *vis* and *gravitas* are staple terms. In **1.7.35** *nitidus* is applied to Messalla without suggestion, however, of the conditions mentioned by Quintilian in **10.1.43** *recens haec lascivia deliciaeque et omnia ad voluptatem multitudinis imperitae composita delectant.* We take what is said of Cassius Severus in **10.1.117** as an indication that different taste-perceptions might be developed in the same writer: *nam et ingeni plurimum est in eo et acerbitas mira et urbanitas eius summa.*

The larger part of the characterizations are in the works of Cicero and Quintilian. The latter is the superior, as he had the benefit of all the critical scrutiny after the age of Cicero. The Brutus of Cicero, and the tenth book of Quintilian are portrait galleries; in Quintilian **10.1** we see what title had been won by the best writers of Greece and Rome. Yet other views are occasionally found elsewhere. Ennius used the expressions *suaviloquenti ore Cethagus, flos delibatus populi* and *Suadae medulla* (Cicero, Brutus 58–59). While it may smack too much of the modern to translate *Suadae medulla* by 'the spinal cord of Persuasion', these words certainly give as much force as the terms quoted by Cicero. We find a view of some of the predecessors of Horace in Horace, Epp. 2.1.55–59:

aufert
Pacuvius docti famam senis, Accius alti,
dicitur Afrani toga convenisse Menandro,
Plautus ad exemplar Siculi properare Epicharmi,
vincere Caecilius gravitate, Terentius arte.

Ovid counted among his friends Marsus magnique Rabirius oris Iliacusque Macer sidereusque Pedo (see Ex Ponto 4.16.5–6). Martial, closing **11.80** with the line *quid gaudiorum est Martialis et Baiae!*, at least suggests that a picture of his work can be found in the countless dimples of the sea at Baiae.

¹When the work is not named the reference is to Quintilian.

Most of the figures shown to us are isolated, though there are a few variously colored groups of men. One from Cicero, *De Oratore* 3.28 has already been quoted. Three others will be given entire, and then we shall call attention to some of the figures differently portrayed. We find in Tacitus, *Dialogus* 18.9 the following: *sic Catoni comparatus C. Gracchus plenior et uberior, sic Graccho politior et ornatior Crassus, sic utroque distinctior et urbanior et altior Cicero, Cicerone mitior Corvinus et dulcior et in verbis magis elaboratus;* and, again, 25.18: *adstrictior Calvus, nervosior Asinius, splendidior Caesar, amarior Caelius, gravior Brutus, vehementior et plenior et valentior Cicero.* Here are used eighteen adjectives, one-third of which are applied to Cicero, three in each passage. In 10.1.108 it takes three nouns to describe him: *mihi videtur . . . effinxisse vim Demosthenis, copiam Platonis, iucunditatem Isocratis.* The *Dialogus* passages are noticeable for their adjectives, just as Quintilian 12.10.11 is for its nouns: *hic vim Caesaris, indolem Caeli, subtilitatem Calidi, diligentiam Pollionis, dignitatem Messallae, sanctitatem Calvi, gravitatem Bruti, acumen Sulpici, acerbitatem Cassi reperiens; in his etiam, quos vidimus, copiam Senecae, vires Africani, maturitatem Afri, iucunditatem Crispis, sonum Trachali, elegantiam Secundi.* Of the fifteen terms given, *copiam Senecae* is the one suggesting the greatest breadth. Most of the others can be arranged in pairs indicating kindred or contrasted qualities: *indoles: vires, diligentia; vis, dignitas; gravitas, acumen; subtilitas, acerbitas; maturitas, elegantia; iucunditas, and in addition sonus and sanctitas.* But the most ambitious display is to be found in Fronto (page 113, Naber's edition). Fronto begins by mentioning eleven artists and their subjects, and then continues: *In poetis autem quis ignorat ut gracilis sit Lucilius, Albucius aridus, sublimis Lucretius, mediocris Pacuvius, inaequalis Accius, Ennius multiformis? Historiam quoque scribere Sallustius strute, Pictor incondite, Claudius lepide, Antias invenuste, Seisenna longinque, verbis Cato multiugis, Caelius singulis. Contionatur autem Cato infeste, Gracchus turbulente, Tullius copiose. Iam in iudicis saevit idem Cato, triumphat Cicero, tumultuatur Gracchus, Calvus rixatur.* And then, as if this were not enough, he follows with a double view of six philosophers. Here are mingled adjectives and nouns, adverbs and verbs, and we can only regret that he should have selected men most of whom are not in the other pictures. However, the fact that he uses *triumphant* and *copiose* of Cicero indicates that he recognized his supremacy. But, when we compare the three pictures, we find *splendidior* and *vim* applied to Caesar, *adstrictior, sanctitas* and *rixatur* to Calvus, *amarior* and *indoles* to Caelius, *nervosior* and *diligentia* to Pollio. The characterizations of Brutus (in the *Dialogus gravior*, in Quintilian *gravitas*) agree; those of Messalla are the most unlike. These resemblances as well as the differences suggest an examination to see whether there really is in a literary worker or his work

anything that impels the critic to the use of a certain epithet.

If the entire mass of Latin criticism had been preserved, we should probably have more divergent views than we now possess. We should probably have more that is an index of personal pique rather than of fair judgment. One illustration of this has been saved in *Dialogus* 18.23. . . . *epistulas ex quibus facile est deprehendere Calvum quidem Ciceroni visum exsanctum et aridum, Brutum autem otiosum atque diiunctum; rursusque Ciceronem a Calvo quidem male audisse tamquam solutum et eneruem, a Bruto autem, ut ipsius verbis utar, tamquam fractum atque elumbem.* Compare Quintilian 9.4.1; 12.19.14; 11.1.17 ff. While there may be here and there a caricature, there may also be repetitions in the manner of the Hamlet-Polonius incident (Shakespeare, *Hamlet* 3.2):

Hamlet. Do you see yonder cloud that is almost in shape of a camel?

Polonius. By the mass, and 't is like a camel, indeed.

Hamlet. Or like a weasel.

Polonius. It is backed like a weasel.

Hamlet. Or like a whale?

Polonius. Very like a whale.

But, however much or little there may be of these two kinds of portrayal, we need only ask whether there is a fairly distinct characterization for different men and for different spheres of work. To answer this we shall examine the first chapter of the tenth book of Quintilian.

We shall not follow him at every step, but only far enough to see whether historians and orators, philosophers and poets are presented in different ways. We might expect such terms to be used as will indicate that we have an unemotional portrayal of facts by the philosophers, and emotional by the historians, and showing that the work of the orator is dynamic, that the aim of the poet is serenity. According to Quintilian, the best philosophers have *iucunditas* and *elegantia*; thus, e. g. there is in Xenophon *illa iucunditas inaffetata*. There is found *historicus nitor, vis* in the best orators, and *sublimitas* in the poets, though there is *acerbitas* in the writers of satire. The last is also the characteristic of Cassius Severus, though he was not a satirist. Ancient comedy is *et grandis et elegans et venusta*, while Terence and Tibullus, as also Lysias, are *elegantes*, though *elegantia* is the mark of Caesar and Secundus (12.10.10), and also of Laelius in Cicero, Brutus 89. *Gravitas* distinguishes Accius, Antimachus and Sophocles, and *gravis* is applied to Aeschylus, Caesar and Calvus. *Iucunditas* is seen in Xenophon, Cicero, Livy and Horace. Isocrates and Messalla are *nitidi*, and there is *nitor* in Cicero, Cornelius Celsus and Secundus, but it is most noticeable in Theophrastus's *loquendi nitor ille divinus*. *Vis* is found in Antimachus, Caesar, Cicero and Demosthenes. As may be seen from this, the writers in the same sphere may seem akin, or one may seem to belong to several spheres, as

Cicero, to whom are assigned the characteristics of three Greeks in 10.1.108. It might be judged from the above that characterization is an indefinite exercise, but to show it in definite terms we shall consider the propriety of *urbanitas* for Caelius, *vis* for Caesar, *lactea ubertas* for Livy, and *harena sine calce* for Seneca.

Cicero says (Brutus 170): *Externis quasi oratoribus idem quod urbanis tribuo, praeter unum, quod non est eorum urbanitate quadam quasi colorata oratio. Et Brutus Qui est, inquit, iste tandem urbanitatis color? Nescio, inquam; tantum esse quandam scio.* A little later (177) Cicero applies the term to C. Julius Caesar Strabo Vopiscus. But what is its fitness when applied to Caelius by Quintilian in 10.1.115? He ranked as one of the greatest of Rome's orators, and as an adept political plotter and social intriguer; his name, like that of Catullus, is associated with the Palatine Medea—the ill-famed Clodia. He writes to the absent Cicero: *pollicitus sum me omnes res urbanas diligenter tibi perscripturum, and Cicero, Ad Familiares 8, gives evidences of his skill in the collection of news; compare e. g. 8.7.3 Paula Valeria, soror Triari, divortium sine causa, quo die vir e provincia venturus erat, fecit; nuptura est D. Bruto.* That he touched the life of his day at every point is shown not only by the accusations of his enemies (Cicero, Pro Caelio 35), but also by the admission of Cicero (ibid 27): *qui nullum convivium renuerit, qui in hortis fuerit, qui unguenta sumpserit, qui Baias viserit.* We may well imagine that, if polite society at Rome had been called on to decide to whom belonged the palm for urbanity, with one accord all would have pointed at Caelius. If *qualis homo*, *talis oratio* is true, the color of the work of Caelius is certainly given by the term *urbanitas*.

More than one critic speaks of the *vis* of Caesar, and this images the sum total of his activities. It is reflected in the words *iacta alea est* (Suetonius, Caesar 32), and in *veni, vidi, vici*. Let us call this characteristic *vis*. In Caesar as a boy there was many a Marius, and the skilful carelessness with which he threw on his toga marked him as the first of dandies. The prince of spendthrifts, he would have been Rome's greatest orator if he had not been her greatest general. Shakespeare, through Cassius, describes Caesar as the foremost man of all this world, and, since he was a human dynamo, *vis* would properly characterize him as a man. But is there *vis* in his writings? Neither in the 770 ablatives absolute in the Gallic War (Heynacher), nor in the 630 instances of secondary sequence, nor in the 500 subject accusatives with the infinitive do we find a reflection of *vis*. A methodical search calls our attention to many a long sentence, but nowhere anything that equals *teni, vidi, vici*. We try the results of chance, and, with eyes shut, put our finger on B. G. 7.20, and find the first period in the fourteenth line. Another trial gives us B. C. 1.17.2, a sentence seven lines in length. So far as the Bellum Civile and the Bellum Gallicum are concerned, the application of *vis* to them is merely an illustration of *qualis homo, talis oratio*.

We must judge the *lactea ubertas* of Livy, and his *mira iucunditas clarissimusque candor* from his work alone. This is a treasure-house of great stories, and a portrait gallery of the heroes of more than seven hundred years, and each portrayal is illuminated by the radiance of Livy's religious faith. Asinius Pollio wrote of a certain Patavinitas, professing to find in Livy's style some traces of the place from which he came; but Quintilian saw in that style a radiance, and felt a creamy richness. One sentence will show the richness, and the suggested radiance of the marble Rome of Augustus gleaming from the temple of distant Alba: 1.29.5 *voces etiam miserabiles exaudiebantur, mulierum praecipue, cum obsessa ab armatis tempa augusta praeterirent ac velut captos relinquenter deos.* . . . 'And mournful cries, especially of the women, kept coming to the ear when they were passing by the august temples blockaded by armed men and were leaving, if we may call them so, their captive gods'. Here we find color of tense, of adjective, and of particle, and the contrasted sorrow, exultation or humiliation of women, men and gods.

One of the greatest figures in Roman literary history is the philosopher Seneca; he was fine picking for the critics. Quintilian admitted the wide range of his work in 12.10.11 *copiam Senecae*; and mentions the items in 10.1.129 *nam et orationes eius et poemata et epistolae et dialogi feruntur.* But his manner is defective: *sed in eloquendo corrupta pleraque atque eo perniciosestima, quod abundabat dulcibus vitiis.* Gellius quotes from Seneca in 12.2, but only to condemn, and adds in § 11: *sed iam verborum Senecae piget; haec tamen inepti et insubidi hominis ioca non præteribo.* But there is no other criticism which reveals so much about the critic as that of Fronto. Seneca, Epistles 87.10, writes: *ita non omnibus obesis mannis et asturconibus et tolutaris præferres unicum illum ecum ab ipso Catone defrictum.* Fronto had evidently read this, and from it he obtained a figure for his criticism (155-156, Naber): *eloquentiam . . . Senecae, molibus et febricolosis prunuleis insitam, subvertendam censeo radicitus, immo vero Plautino trato verbo, exradicitus. Neque ignoro copiosum sententiis et redundantem hominem esse: verum sententias eius toltares video musquam quadripido concito cursu tenere, musquam pugnare, neque maiestatem studere, ut Laberius, dictabalaria immo dicteria potius eum quam dicta continere.* But he goes even beneath this (page 157): *at enim sunt quaedam in libris eius scite dicta, graviter quoque nonnulla. Etiam lamminae interdum argentiola cloacis inveniuntur.* Passing by the jewels in the sewer, we may note that the words prunuleis, toltares and dictabalaria would have made Quintilian gasp and stare. Macrobius (Saturnalia 2.1.14) tells us of dicta and dicteria, but dictabalaria, 'wordslinging', we have from Fronto. But to get the real measure of the style of Seneca we must go back to the madman Caligula.

Suetonius gives us two specimens of the wonderful critical sense of the Emperor. One of these characterizes his grandmother Livia as Ulixes stolatus (*Caligula*, 23); the other characterizes the style of Seneca as *commissiones meras*, and *harena sine calce* (*Caligula*, 53). The unconnected character of the sentences of Seneca was present to the mind of Macaulay also; they seemed to him a succession of mottoes. So we may put aside Fronto, Gellius, and even Quintilian, and take Caligula, in this respect, as the best painter of them all. But there is the suggestion for another good characterization in the words of Seneca himself, *Epp.* 100.7: *lege Ciceronem: compositio eius una est . . . at contra Pollionis Asini salebrosa et exsiliens et, ubi minime expectes, relictura.* Quintilian (11.2.46) has *salebrosa oratio*, but does not apply it to any writer. Had Pollio had a chance to pass judgment on Seneca, he might have called attention to traces of *Cordubensis*; see Cicero, *Pro Archia* 26 *Cordubae natis poetis, pingue quiddam sonantibus.* On the other hand Fronto might have used *salebrosa* rather than any adjective that he did, for, making the transfer from walk to wall, it best expresses the unevenness of the surface where the stones have been laid without mortar.

Two of these characterizations show that the critics thought that there was a definite reflection of the worker in his work, and this is also shown by what Quintilian (10.1.114) writes of Caesar: *tanta in eo vis est, id acumen, ea concitatio, ut illum eodem animo dixisse, quo bellavit, appareat.* The other two show that, not knowing the worker, we may discover the fundamental tone of the work and set it forth in verbal terms. Though the exact color or the content of these can not be mathematically determined, yet for literature the attainment of them is akin to the nationalizing of all the states, for they are the expression of the *e pluribus unum.*

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REVIEW

The Defeat of Varus and the German Frontier Policy of Augustus. By William A. Oldfather and H. V. Canter. University of Illinois Studies in the Social Sciences, Volume IV, No. 2, June, 1915 (University of Illinois Bulletin, Volume XII, No. 42). Pp. vi + 118. 75 cents.

In 1909, which was the nineteen-hundredth anniversary of the battle in the Teutoburg Forest, there was in Germany "an extraordinary outburst of celebrations, addresses, memorials, and monographs giving expression to what was universally regarded as the first and not the least glorious chapter of German achievement, the 'deed of Arminius'". Professor Oldfather says in the Preface to the work under review, and in a paper in *The Classical Journal* 11.226-236, that he has cherished "misgivings as to the historical justification of this view of the defeat of Varus".

The results both of much thought and of much labor are now set forth in the article under review.

The study before us challenges a well-nigh universal historical verdict, namely, that the defeat of Varus by Arminius in the year 9 A. D. was a turning point of world history. With that are bound up several other considerations of Roman policy and the status of Germany which will appear as the review proceeds. The authors have devoted four chapters to their study. In the first chapter a general view of the question is taken, in the second the Sources are set forth, in the third there is a criticism of the Accepted View, and in the fourth and last chapter the New Interpretation of the authors is offered.

The German and English writers on Roman history practically all agree that the Emperor Augustus intended to subjugate Germany as far as the Elbe river, and that this intention was frustrated by the defeat of Varus and the annihilation of his three legions. Different historians have different reasons for crediting such an intention of expansion to Augustus, but the perfervid enthusiasm displayed by German and English writers alike over the saving of the fine independence of the Germans seems to savor of patriotic extravagance, and to hark back to that time a few years ago when Teutonic-Anglo-Saxon victories were well deserved at the expense of the effete Romans and mollycoddle Gauls! The Roman victory at Alesia, although it made Vercingetorix the national hero of France, stopped forever Celtic national civilization; the Roman defeat in the Teutoburg Forest saved Germanic national civilization.

So wrote our authorities. Under patriotic circumstances that sounds fine enough. But, in fact, Professors Oldfather and Canter do not need to use any argument here at all. They simply suggest that this so-called liberation—in point of fact a divorce from the civilizing contact with Rome—left the Germans without any literature, monuments, or culture, "until they again came into relations with that great transmitter of civilization, Rome, in the person of Rome's new representative, Charlemagne".

There are but four ancient accounts of the battle in the Teutoburg forest: Cassius Dio 56. 18-23; Florus 2. 30. 21-39; Velleius 2. 117-120; Tacitus, Annales 1. 60-62. Dio and Florus both wrote in the second century A. D., both were rhetoricians, and, although Dio is much more to be trusted than Florus, still both were quite unwilling to let historical truth stand in the way of a rhetorical antithesis. Velleius should be the best source for the history of the time, because he is the only contemporary writer who mentions the Varus episode. But Velleius is so openly a panegyrist of the Emperor Tiberius that nearly everything he says is a mixture of bias, animus, and flattery. Varus was in command in Germany just before Tiberius's second command there. So Varus is blamed that Tiberius may be exalted.

Three of the four sources therefore are quite unreliable. Tacitus is not much better. Living in an age of imperial expansion, he had contempt for Augustus's foreign policy; living in an age of gilded aristocratic vice, he had a social moral to point in the simple virtue of the German barbarians; and, besides, Tacitus had the rhetorical taint of his age. But, quite apart from the general suspicion under which all four authorities fall, there is the added difficulty that there is almost no agreement among them as to the policy of Augustus, the feeling of the Germans, or the details of the battle.

Chapter III, Criticism of the Accepted View, is the backbone of the book. It is a straight stiff piece of argument. To attack a verdict rendered by Mommsen, Gardthausen, Arnold, and the rest of the earlier historians of Rome, especially when supported in minor points by Meyer, Koepf, or Ferrero, is not unlikely to be a thankless task. If, however, ancient historians are proved to have been biased, and to be untrustworthy, and if modern historians have sheep-like followed the lead of the over-patriotic interpretation of a Teutonic victory over the Romans, then it is indeed well to make a critical study of such a matter, and by piling up facts to overturn a pseudo-historical Juggernaut.

The examination of the authorities shows that there are four fairly distinct sets of opinions:

(1) Augustus changed his peace policy suddenly simply out of desire of conquest. Professors Oldfather and Canter show that this has no basis in fact.

(2) Augustus decided to conquer Germany and make a province of it, in order to protect Gaul and Italy. It is shown that such a policy would have been stupid, for each new onward push made necessary another one.

(3) Augustus changed his peace policy to please his stepsons Tiberius and Drusus, and to give Gaius and Lucius Caesar, his grandsons, an opportunity to make a military reputation. For such an assumption there is no evidence, nor does it at all tally with the lifelong policy of Augustus.

(4) Augustus had to go to war to pacify his own countrymen who pined for conquest. This is shown to be absolutely false.

These four sets of opinions have two assumptions in common: (a) "that the conquest of Germany was the only means at Augustus' disposal for protecting Gaul; (b) that his conflicts on German soil could have had no other purpose than Germany's subjugation". These assumptions are answered in the new interpretation offered in Chapter IV.

The authorities are next examined in regard to the statement so universally made that Germany was made a province by Augustus. It is shown without doubt that such was never the case.

At the end of Chapter III the authors have made a brief summary of their objections to the belief that Augustus intended to conquer Germany: (1) Varus was defeated with a small army in a minor battle; (2) the defeat was completely avenged by Tiberius

and Germanicus; (3) the Roman power was so much greater than that of Germany that Augustus could easily have conquered the country if he had wished; (4) a conquest of Germany was contrary to Augustus's character; further, such a conquest, if begun, he would have carried out; (5) Rome had at this time a well-defined peace-policy; (6) Rome was not likely to stop a thing because of a single setback; (7) if a conquest was intended, the means taken are almost unexplainable; (8) there was no *provincia* to abandon, under any circumstances; (9) if there was any change of policy, it was under Tiberius.

The student of history must feel the weight of these objections, and be not only "sceptical about the significance of Varus' defeat, but strongly convinced that it played no such part in the determination of Augustus' Germanic policy as is generally supposed".

In Chapter IV the authors offer their New Interpretation. The argument first takes up the Roman operations in Germany and shows that they were not directed towards *permanent conquest*. There is therefore nothing left but a matter of *demonstration*. Analogies and parallels, both in ancient history and in the policy of Augustus, are brought in sufficient number to strengthen the argument that the policy pursued by Augustus in Germany was that of making out of the district between the Rhine and the Elbe, perhaps farther, a *buffer state*.

The reviewer believes that Professors Oldfather and Canter have proved their point. The evidence is convincing; in some cases it is overwhelming. The argument is well sustained, and there seems to be no good reason why the buffer state policy may not be accepted, and there is the best of reasons for accepting the authors' contentions that the defeat of Varus was not a matter of vital importance, and that Germany was not a province.

The reviewer is not quite satisfied that sufficient reasons have been adduced to explain the enthusiasm shown by the ancient Roman writers for the victory of Arminius. But that may not perhaps fairly be considered part of the field of investigation chosen by the authors of the paper. The Defeat of Varus and the German Frontier Policy of Augustus is a scholarly and valuable piece of work.

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